THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Information in this regard is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Export and Import of Shoes by India

947. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE he pleased to slate:

(a) the volume and value of shoes exported and imported by India annually direction-wise;

(b) the names of the major first 10 shoes exporters and importers in India; and

(c) the steps being taken to encourage shoe exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a)The volume and value of shoes exported and imported by India during the last three years are as' follows:—

(Quantity in Lakh pairs) (Value in Rs. Crores)

Exports (Leather Shoes)			*Imports*		
Year	Qty.	Value	Year	Qty.	Value
1993-94	286.5	640.72	1993-94	Nil	(Negligible)
1994-95	307.6	948.90	1994-95	0.03	Nil
1995-96	355.3	1102.69	1995-96		0.08

(Source: Council for Leather Exports) (Source: DGCI&S)

The main destinations of export of shoes arc USA. Germany, UK, CIS countries, Italy, Australia, France, Canada and Netherlands. Imports of shoes by India is of very low volume and docs not have any fixed trend.

(b) The names of ten leading shoe exporters as per records available with the Council for Leather Exports are:—

(1) Florind Shoes Ltd.

(2) Farida Shoes Ltd.

(3) K.H. Shoes Ltd.

(4) Farida Classic Shoes Ltd.

(5) Kiran Overseas Exports Ltd.

(6) Floram Shoes (India) Ltd.

(7) Bonaventure Shoes Pvt. Ltd.

(8) Evergreen Footwears Ltd.

(9) India Shoes

(10) United India Shoes Corporation.

Details with regard to Importers are not maintained due to low volume of imports.

(c) Ministry of Commerce has identified Leather Footwear as an Extreme Focus item capable of achieving higher export growth. Accordingly, an export promotion strategy has been adopted which inter-alia includes training of manpower to develop modern skills; establishment of design studios with CAD/CAM facilities for product development; reduction/ rationalisation of Customs/Excise duty on footwear components and establishment of coordinated marketing system.

Growth rate of Exports

948. DR. B.B. DUTTA:
PROF. NAUN1HAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of growth of export during April—September. 19%;

(b) in what manner this growth rate compares with that achieved during the same period of 1995-96;

(c) the reasons for decline in the growth rate of exports during the current year; and

(d) details of measures taken to sustain the growth of exports and to achieve higher growth of exports during the remaining period of 1996-97?